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light diffusing sheet shifts the direction of the maximum intensity direction of the second diffused light toward the direction of the normal standing on the light outputting surface of the diffusing sheet by virtue of the rougher light outputting surface, a polarized beam splitting sheet which receives the second diffused light from the light outputting surface of the light diffusing sheet, through which one polarized light component of the second diffused light is transmitted, and on which the other polarized light component is reflected, and a light reflecting sheet which is arranged on the back face of the lightconductor and is for reflecting a light into the lightconductor, and the liquid crystal panel is arranged at the light outputting surface side of the polarized beam splitting sheet of the back light device.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1 and 6 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Chowdhury in the November 2 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the following remarks.

During the personal interview, Examiner Chowdhury recommended certain amendments to claims 1 and 6 to clarify the invention to help distinguish over the art of record. Claims 1 and 6 are amended accordingly.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 6 define allowable subject matter. Claims 2-5 and 7-12, which depend from claims 1 and 6, are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed as well as for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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